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In re Application of: **Konstantin Valtchev**
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Examiner:
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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1. ☐ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. ☒ Identification of Person Making This Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

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	AA	6,319,272	11/20/01	Brenneman et al.	606	232	3/29/00
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	AC	6,030,393	2/29/00	Corlew	606	148	9/15/98
	AD	5,899,909	5/4/99	Claren et al.	606	119	2/25/97
	AE	6,491,703	12/10/02	Ulmsten	606	144	
	AF	6,273,852	8/14/01	Lehe et al.	600	30	3/9/00
	AG	5,843,113	12/1/98	High	606	184	10/8/96
	AH	6,475,139	11/5/02	Miller	600	135	5/18/00
	AI	5,348,541	9/20/94	Lyell	604	164	5/5/93
	AJ	5,232,443	8/3/93	Leach	604	54	7/17/92
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		Brochure issued by United States Surgical, a division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP: IVS Tunneller Device					
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	AN	5,053,043	10/1/91	Gottesman et al.	606	148	9/28/90
	AO	6,406,423	6/18/02	Scetbon	600	30	1/21/00
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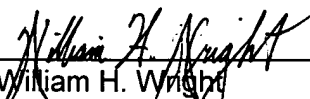
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- ☐ Exceptions to above
 - ☐ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application as identified in Section 4.
 - ☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

Section 4. Identification of Person Making THIS INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is:

- (a) ☒ the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:
 - ☒ supplied by the inventor.
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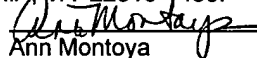
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I hereby certify that this patent application and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **November 17, 2003** in an envelope as "**Express Mail Post Office to Post Office**" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Express Mail Label Number **EV408240250US** addressed to MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.



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